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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 13-18, 21-47, 53-80, 86, 87, 89-94, 97-99, and 105-127 were pending. Claims 21-47 and 53 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. By this amendment, withdrawn claims 1, 3-8, 11, 13-18, 54-80, 86, 87, 89-94, 97-99, and 105-127 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants have amended claims 21-36, and 38-43 to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 37, 44-47, and 53 for non-substantive typographical issues. Applicants have added new claims 128-142, leaving claims 21-47, 53, and 128-142 pending consideration. Applicants aver that no new matter has been added with this response.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Applicants provisionally elected species VI without traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the election of species was elected with traverse in response to the previous Office Action dated May 23, 2005. A copy of the response facsimile to the USPTO dated June 23, 2005 is attached herewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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